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Process and Filter For FILTERING  
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TITLE: PROCESS AND FILTER FOR FILTERING A SLURRY

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Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 13, line 28, replace "51" with -50-.

Page 13, line 30, replace "atop" with -a top-.

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of March 26, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

5. (Currently Amended) The process for filtering a slurry to remove undesirably large particles from said slurry which comprises;

passing a slurry through an inlet to a filtration cartridge, through a conduit positioned within a filtration cartridge comprising the conduit, a housing, a depth filter positioned within said housing and an outlet and from said conduit through said depth filter,

said cartridge being free of an open void volume which causes separation of particles from said slurry upstream of a top surface of said depth filter in contact with said slurry,

said depth filter comprising depth filter segments separated by annular spacers and recovering a filtered slurry which has passed through said depth filter from said outlet of said filtration cartridge.